compromise on national security, at any cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) Yes Sir. India retified the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) on 3rd September, 1996. The CWC has entered into force on 29th April, 1997. Pakistan is a signatory to the CWC but has yet to complete its ratification proceedings.

(b) India considers the CWC as a model disarmament agreement and has consistently remained committed to its objectives. India has also called on all countries that have not yet done so to complete their ratification proceedings in order to make the CWC a genuinely universal and comprehensive disarmament agreement.

(c) and (d) Government's decision has been taken while ensuring that adequate safeguards for India's security and national interest against all eventualities are fully maintained.

US Senator's Observation on supply of F-16s to Pakistan

182. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to U.S. Senator, Larry Pressler's Observation reported in the Hindustan Times dated 27th June, 1997 captioned "F-16 Supply to Pak will be big mistake by the United States when Indo-Pak crucial dialogue to resolve outstanding issues are going on;" and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto and what steps they have taken so far to prevail upon the U.S. not to lift the embargo on supply of F-16s to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) Government are aware of the news report in the Hindustan Times of June 27, 1997 on remarks attributed to former US senator Larry Pressler, made during his visit to India at the time.

(b) Government remain alert to all developments having a bearing on India's security. Government have, on numerous occasions, conveyed to the US Government, India's reservations to any proposed supply of advanced military equipment by the US to Pakistan. The US Administration, as also the Congress, are aware of India's views on this matter that it would impact adversely on peace, security and stability in the region. US officials have assured Government of India that the US does not seek to resume its military arms supply relationship with Pakistan. Government remain committed to take all steps necessary to safeguard national security.

Extradition of Dawood Ibrahim

183. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of efforts made by Ministry of External Affairs in seeking extradition of Mafia don Dawood Ibrahim, the main accused in Mumbai Bomb blast case, since the incident;

(b) what has been the response of different quarters addressed by the Ministry, particularly of the UAE Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government have approached International Court of Justice in this regard; and

(d) if not, what are the other options explored or contemplated to be explored to extradite Dawood Ibrahim?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): (a) and (b) A request for extradition of Dawood Ibrahim was made to the Government of UAE and Pakistan in April, 1994. The Government of Pakistan's reply is that Dawood Ibrahim is not in Pakistan. Since then the Government has been constantly requesting the UAE authorities to extra-

dite him. The following action has been taken by the Government;

(i) A CBI team had visited UAE in April, 1994 in connection with the investigations. It met the Commander-in-Chief of the Dubai Police and handed over to him some points for investigation in Dubai. The Dubai Police Chief responded that he required the Court's approval, and advised the CBI team to get a Letter Rogatory from an Indian Court requesting the Chief Justice of Dubai to authorise Dubai Police to collect the requisite information.

(ii) A Letter Rogatory was handed-over to the Dubai authorities on 2.4.1994. Since this was misplaced by them, a duplicate copy was later handed over on 15.11.1994.

(iii) The local authorities were continuously reminded, both verbally and in writing by the Indian Mission/Post in the United Arab Emirates to expedite the extradication. The response has been that the Dubai court is examining the Letter Rogatory.

(iv) Apart from reminding them through normal diplomatic channels, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs visited Dubai and on 12.2.1996 raised the matter with Shaikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al maktoum, Deputy ruler of Dubai.

The local authorities in Dubai have, however, now stated that Dawood Ibrahim is not in Dabai. This was also communicated to the Consulate General of India in Dubai in writing as recently as 10.6.1996.

(c) Extradition is a bilateral process, in which the International Court of Justice is not involved.

(d) The steps enumerated above are the legal course to the extradition of Dawood Ibrahim from Dubai. In any case, there is a red corner notice, issued to all member countries of Interpol for the arrest of Dawood, Ibrahim.

Export curbs imposed by USA on Indian entities

184. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States has imposed export curbs on certain Indian entities on the suspicion of their involvement in the weapons of mass destruction or the missiles used to deliver those weapons, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 1st July, 1997;

(b) if so, what are the details regarding the curbs imposed on (BARC) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Trombay, Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalapakkam, Indian Rare Earths Limited, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) etc.;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto;

(d) the details of imports, including the names of the companies of the USA from where the raw material/equipments were imported by these centres during the last two years, year-wise; and

(e) what remedial steps have been taken by Government so far to remove supicion of the Clinton Administration, including doubts in the testing of Prithvi Missile by India, recently?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) The US Commerce Department has notified Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL), Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research and Indian Rare Earths Ltd. under US domestic legislation pertaining to US non-proliferation concerns. Following this notification, all imports from the US by these organisations will be under licence procedures.

(c) Government have taken up this matter with the US authorities. India's opposition to such ad hoc discriminatory